



Feast on the Bible's big meal –  
to draw strength for today and tomorrow

## BIBLE BRASSERIE

A drama sketch written especially for Bible Sunday 2007 by Tim Crooks

Cast:

Mr Small

Mrs Small

Waiter/waitress

*Mr and Mrs Small sit at a table consulting menus. The waiter enters with pencil and notepad.*

**Waiter:** Are you ready to order?

**Mr Small:** I think so. Just a Gospel, please.

**Waiter:** Okay. (*Writing it down*) One Gospel... Any particular one?

**Mr Small:** Oh, it would have to be Luke. We always order Luke.

**Mrs Small:** We like the way it's stuffed with parables. They go down well.

**Waiter:** They do add a lot of flavour, don't they? And for you Madam? What will you have?

**Mrs Small:** Sorry, I think you've misunderstood.

**Mr Small:** It's just one Gospel between us.

**Waiter:** Are you sure? That's not very much between two.

**Mr Small:** Of course we're sure. Just make sure you de-bone it first. I mean, the whole 'Good Samaritan' story is very nice but I find the 'loving your neighbour as yourself' thing a bit hard to chew.

**Mrs Small:** Yes, you always leave that on the side of your plate, don't you dear?



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- Mr Small:** Ssh, quiet, Mildred. (*To the waiter*) We always have a dish of Luke between us. There's never been a problem before.
- Waiter:** Well sir, if that's really what you want.
- Mrs Small:** What else are you suggesting?
- Waiter:** I don't want to be pushy, but if I were you I think I'd want a side order of Acts, at the very least.
- Mrs Small:** Any particular reason?
- Waiter:** Tasty as the Gospels are, I need a bit more to keep me going through the day.
- Mrs Small:** You know, Arthur, I do find myself getting a bit peckish by the middle of the afternoon.
- Waiter:** As you can see, we have a whole array of appetising options. We have sixty-six sizzling dishes on the menu, each with their own unique blend of ingredients.
- Mrs Small:** What can you recommend?
- Waiter:** Pretty much everything.
- Mr Small:** Don't be ridiculous. We can't eat everything.
- Waiter:** No Madam, but many of our customers like to enjoy the variety on offer.
- Mrs Small:** Arthur, think of that. We don't have to stick to boiled Luke. We could have... (*consults the menu*) a prime cut of Romans instead.
- Waiter:** Ah, Romans; good meaty stuff that.
- Mr Small:** How does it come?
- Waiter:** It's both rare and well done at the same time.
- Mr Small:** I'm cautious of meat. It can be terribly tough and dry.
- Waiter:** In that case you want to try Song of Songs. That's definitely juicy.
- Mr Small:** No, I had a mouthful of Song of Songs once. It doesn't agree with me.
- Waiter:** What about Lamentations?
- Mr Small:** That upsets me too.
- Waiter:** You could try nibbling on a little prophet. Amos perhaps.



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- Mr Small:** Oh no, those prophets can be very fiery. I always find it's the little innocent looking ones that have the most heat. We're not fond of hot food, are we darling?
- Mrs Small:** Well... To be fair, I'm not sure we've ever really tried it. I've been thinking for a while now that our diet is probably quite imbalanced.
- Waiter:** It can happen. The chef ensures that everything on the menu is highly nutritious but you still need a balanced diet.
- Mr Small:** But look here. It's clear that most things on this menu are just not us.
- Mrs Small:** How do you know? We've not tried them.
- Mr Small:** It's common sense. Let's pick something at random: Job. Well, that has a bitter taste. And Leviticus: quite indigestible.
- Mrs Small:** Why don't you just have a bite? You might be surprised.
- Mr Small:** (*Ignoring her*) As for Revelation, it's a well known fact that eating some of that before bedtime can give you nightmares.
- Waiter:** Only if you pick at it, sir. If you eat all of it I think you'll find you'll have a very satisfying night's sleep as a result.
- Mr Small:** What's happened to the food in this restaurant? I remember back in the good old days there was none of this Jeremiah and Ezekiel and garlic and whatnot. You knew what to expect: A nice little Old Testament story with all the crusts removed, followed by a parable and chocolate sauce. What more do you want?
- Waiter:** Well, we could still do that for you sir.
- Mr Small:** Really?
- Waiter:** Yes sir. Those items are on the children's menu.
- Mr Small:** Well then, get me a copy of the children's menu, immediately!
- Waiter:** I can do that if you'd like sir. But I must advise you that we're currently revising it.
- Mr Small:** What on earth for?
- Waiter:** We had a celebrity chef in here to examine our children's menu. He was concerned that, in order to make the Bible menu attractive to kids, we were deep frying too many items in saturated unreality.
- Mr Small:** Oh, never mind that. A little unreality never hurt anyone.
- Mrs Small:** Honestly Arthur!



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**Mr Small:** What?

**Mrs Small:** You're a grown man; you can't eat off the children's menu. (*To the waiter*)  
What's Ruth like?

**Waiter:** Ah, that's a grain based dish. It's not a large platter but it's very wholesome.

**Mrs Small:** I think I'll try that then. That sounds good. Followed by a helping of Jude.

**Waiter:** (*Making a note*) An excellent choice, Madam.

**Mrs Small:** Now, if you don't mind, I'd like to wash my hands before I eat.

*She exits.*

**Waiter:** I'll go and get you a copy of the children's menu sir.

*Turns to go.*

**Mr Small:** Wait.

*Waiter turns back. Mr Small checks over his shoulder to make sure Mrs Small isn't coming back before saying quietly:*

Forget the menu. Just get me some turkey twizzlers, will you?

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